

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claim 13 has not been amended and claims 14-24 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. Accordingly, claims 13-24 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 13 and 18 are independent claims. The specification has been amended to correct certain informalities amending the Cross-Reference to Related Application section to add an appropriate section heading and add the patent number for the parent application. Additionally a section regarding Government sponsored research has been added. Lastly, a paragraph in the specification has been amended to include the patent number of a referenced patent application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. The table below shows where representative support for claim amendments may be located in the specification. Support may be found in additional locations in the specification.

Claims	Representative Support
14, 15	Page 11, lines 16-23
16	Page 10, lines 7-16
17	Page 10, line 18 – Page 11, line 3
18	Page 3, lines 17 – 22; Page 5, lines 2-10; Page 8, lines 12-18; Page
19	Page 3, lines 17 – 22
20-21	Page 5, lines 2-10
22-24	Page 9, lines 8-13

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting

Claim 13 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 13-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,833,011 issued to Rogers, *et al.* The present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,833,011 are currently commonly owned. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this reply. Accordingly Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claim 13.

Added Claims

Added claims 14-17 are directed to additional features to those in independent claim 13.

Added claims 18-24 are directed to additional embodiments of activated carbon foam

Extension of Time

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 503310.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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